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SUBJ: DPC MEETING MAY 5: DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA

REF: A. USNATO 2433; B. STATE 089951

SUMMARY: ON MAY 5, DPC AGREED TO DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA OUTLINED IN REF A. AGREED AGENDA PROVIDES FOR A RESTRICTED SESSION EARLY ON FIRST DAY (MAY 22), AND INCLUDES ITEMS I (INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING) AND VIII (INFRASTRUCTURE), PREVIOUSLY IN BRACKETS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN INTRODUCING MAY 22-23 DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA AT MAY 5 DPC MEETING, CHAIRMAN PANSA SAID DRAFT AGENDA INCLUDES A GREATER NUMBER OF ITEMS THAN USUAL, BUT STRESSED SESSION WILL LAST AT LEAST ONE AND A HALF DAYS; HE INDICATED IF TIME BECOMES SHORT, MINISTERS MIGHT DISCUSS SIMULTANEOUSLY ALL AD-70 ITEMS. PANSA ADDED HE UNDERSTOOD DPC COULD REMOVE BRACKETS FROM ITEM VIII (INFRASTRUCTURE); NO PERMREPS OBJECTED. PANSA HIGHLIGHTED TWO QUESTIONS FOR RESOLUTION: A) PLACEMENT OF RESTRICTED SESSION AND B) INCLUSION OF EXCLUSION OF ITEM I (INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING).
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2. AMBASSADOR BRUCE (US) PRESSED FOR RESTRICTED SESSION EARLY ON MAY 22, FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP. AMBASSADOR SVART (DENMARK) SUPPORTED US, AS HIS DEFENSE MINISTER MAY HAVE TO LEAVE AT MID-DAY ON MAY 23; NO OTHER PERMREPS OFFERED

VIEWS. PANSA ENCOURAGED DELEGATIONS TO GIVE ADVANCE WARNING OF SUBJECTS MINISTERS MIGHT RAISE IN RESTRICTED SESSION; BRUCE SUGGESTED AND DPC AGREED THAT DELEGATIONS SHOULD INFORMALLY SHARE INFORMATION.

3. REGARDING INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING, ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE) SAID MINISTERS DID NOT RECEIVE A BRIEFING IN DECEMBER, BUT SPRING MEETING IS REGARDED AS TIME TO BRING TO MINISTERS' ATTENTION SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO MC-161. HE ADDED THAT DIRECTOR, IMS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION NEEDED AT LEAST 20 MINUTES TO DO A PROPER JOB, AND WOULD USE SLIDES AND GRAPHS, REQUIRING USE OF PRESENTATION ROOM. ANBASSADOR HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) FAVORED AN INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING. AFTER DISCUSSION OF LOGISTIC DIFFICULTIES AND INCONVENIENCES TO MINISTERS CAUSED BY SHIFTING MEETING ROOMS, DPC DECIDED TO COMMENCE MAY 22 SESSION AT 10:00 A.M. WITH STATEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN, MC AND CHAIRMAN, EUROGROUP, FOLLOWING WHICH MINISTERS WILL MOVE TO PRESENTATION ROOM FOR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING AND RESTRICTED SESSION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM), PANSA SAID NATIONAL DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE SIX SEATS AT RESTRICTED SESSION (MOD AND PERMREP PLUS FOUR, TO INCLUDE CHIEF OF STAFF). RESPONDING TO OTHER PERMREPS' QUESTIONS, DE STAERCKE SAID ON MAY 22 DEFENSE MINISTERS WOULD HAVE BUFFET LUNCHEON AT NATO HEAD-QUARTERS (HOSTED BY SYG LUNS), AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT HOSTING AN OFFICIAL DINNER.BRUCE

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